16. Mr. Ranjan Kumar Moharana, M/s Moharana Gems, Cutting & Polishing, At./Po.Mandasahi, Dist. Jagatsinghpur.

17. Mr. Badal Panigrahi, At. Serpur, Post. Deoda, Distt. Jajpur (Gems Cutting works)

18. Smt. Binodini Nayak, At. Rajbarei Po. Pally, Dist. Jagatsinghpur, (M/s Sindhsuta Ladies Readymade)

19. Ms. Singdha Pattanaik, Patpur, Bank (Training & Readymade Garments)

20. Mr. Narayan Mohapatra, At./Po. Biraharelrushnapur, Pattanaiksahi, Puri-2 (Coir Products).

21. Ms. Anupama Sahoo, At. Singhanathpur, PO. Patapur, Via. Banki, Cuttack.

Functional SSIs

1581. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of small scale industries functioning at present in the different parts of the country; and

(b) the details of small scale industries proposed to set up in the various States during the current year 2004-05?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) Based on the results of the Third All India Census of registered small scale industrial (SSI) units and the information received from the Directorates of Industries (DIs) of States/Union Territories (UTs), the number of SSI units registered upto 30.09.2004 (latest available) and functioning in the country is estimated to be 15,94,752.

(b) SSI units are set up by private sector entrepreneurs. The role of the Government is to facilitate their promotion and development. Besides, the registration of the SSI units with the Directorates of Industries (DIs)/District Industries Centres (DICs) of the States/UTs is voluntary as no license is required to set up an SSI unit.